

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 U.S.C. 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT PAYING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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Washington, DC 20591



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Date: September 15, 2000

Sir:  
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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

NUCLEIC ACID PROBES AND METHODS FOR DETECTING CLINICALLY IMPORTANT FUNGAL PATHOGENS  
without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- An abstract together with  
57 pages of specification, (plus 8 page Sequence Listing) and claims including  
23 numbered claims and also attached is/are  
2 sheets of accompanying drawings.

- This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
EP 99870109.8	EP	28 May 1999

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date
60/138,621	11 June 1999

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed .

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

- Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. PCT/EP00/04714, filed 24 MAY 2000, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

- Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/138,621, filed 11 June 1999, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

- Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

- Also attached. LETTER; COMPUTER READABLE SEQUENCE LISTING

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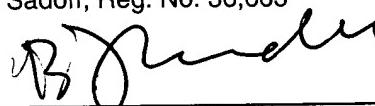
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